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1. IF QUERIED BY PRESS ON VISIT OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, YOU SHOULD REPLY:

QUOTE: THE STATE DEPARTMENT WORKS WITH THE COMMITTEE AND FACILITATES THE FOREIGN ASPECTS OF ITS INVESTIGATIONS. THE COMMITTEE OFTEN MAKES ITS OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AS IT DID IN THIS CASE. WE UNDERSTAND THE TEAM OF THE COMMITTEE IS HEADED BY CHAIRMAN RICHARDSON PREYER AND BY CHIEF COUNSEL ROBERT BLAKEY AND INCLUDES ONE OF THE STAFF ASSISTANTS. END QUOTE.

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2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, THE COMMITTEE SEEMS TO HAVE IN THE BACK OF ITS MIND THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING ONE OR TWO CUBANS WILLING TO TESTIFY IN PUBLIC SESSION ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. IF SO, LATTER MAY APPLY FOR VISAS, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO COMMITTEE THAT BEST WAY TO PROCEED WOULD BE TO RUN NAME CHECKS HERE EVEN BEFORE INVITING THEM. CHRISTOPHER

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